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SUBJ: VISIT OF COLONEL Y.D.F. ELSTAK TO JUNGLE OPERATIONS
COURSE

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1. BACKGROUND TO ELSTAK VISIT TO U.S. ARMY JUNGLE OPS COURSE
(JOC) IN PANAMA: WHILE HE STILL NETHERLANDS FORCES EXEC
LAST SUMMER, ELSTAK AND VACATIONING OFFICER ATTACHED CINCSO
DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN JOC AND DUTCH
JUNGLE SCHOOL IN SURINAM. U.S. ARMY SOUTHERN COMMAND THEN PRO-
VIDED ELSTAK WITH INFO ON NECESSARY PROCEDURES (INCLUDING DEPT
CLEARANCE) LEADING TO USG CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF
PROGRAM, AND ELSTAK ARRANGED TO OBSERVE JOC.

2. ELSTAK TELLS ME, DEPENDING OUTCOME OF VISIT, HE INTENDS
PURSUE MATTER ON BEHALF NEW SURINAM ARMY. IF IT WERE TO
MATERIALIZE, SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD FIT IN WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
WE HAVE MADE IN LATEST CASP CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH MILITARY
IN INDEPENDENT SURINAM. I, OF COURSE, WILL REMAIN NON-
COMITTAL WITH ELSTAK ON PROJECT UNTIL WE KNOW IF OUR CASP
RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED.
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